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In the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, the Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement to Applicants with respect to the following inventions:

a. A receiver for receiving a water-based colorant image transferred by a stamp, comprising (1) an image-receiving structure having (a) a support and (b) an information receiving layer containing recorded information formed over the support; and (2) a clear layer formed over the information receiving layer, wherein the clear layer is more hydrophilic than the image-receiving structure (claims 13, 15 and 16);

b. A receiver for receiving a water-based colorant image transferred by a stamp, comprising (1) an image-receiving structure having (a) a support, (b) a barrier layer (c) an information receiving layer containing recorded information formed over the support; and (2) a clear layer formed over the information receiving layer, wherein the clear layer is more hydrophilic than the image-receiving structure (claims 14, 17 and 18);

c. A receiver for receiving a water-based colorant image transferred by a stamp, comprising (1) an image-receiving structure having (a) a support and

(b) an information receiving layer containing recorded information formed over the support; and (2) a protective transparent water resistant layer over the information receiving layer for preventing penetration of water-based colorants onto the information-receiving layer (claims 19-22).

d. A receiver for receiving a water-based colorant image transferred by a stamp, comprising (1) an image-receiving structure having (a) a support, (b) a barrier layer and (c) an information receiving layer containing recorded information formed over the support and (d) means over the information receiving layer for preventing penetration of water-based colorants onto the information receiving layer (2) a clear layer formed over the information receiving layer (claims 23-27);

e. A receiver for receiving a water-based colorant image transferred by a stamp, comprising (1) a first information-receiving layer containing recorded information formed over the barrier layer, (2) a clear protective over the information receiving layer for preventing penetration of water-based colorants onto the first information-receiving layer and (3) a second information receiving layer formed over clear protective layer (claims 28-32).

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the invention of Group b, claims 14, 17, and 18.

Respectfully submitted,



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